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SUBJECT: DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM

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1. COL. COUSSA AND DIRGEN NATIONAL POLICE GEN. ADNAN ABASSI HAVE BEEN UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON FEASIBILITY OF BOTH ATTENDING DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THAT DIRGEN WHO IS CAREER POLICE OFFICER WOULD WELCOME INVITATION BUT WE STRONGLY DOUBT BOTH COUSSA AND HE WOULD GET PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE.

2. IN PAST IT HAS BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR COUSSA TO DEPART COUNTRY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS WITH SUBORDINATES. COUSSA AND ABASSI ARE TWO MOST SENIOR OFFICERS IN CIVIL POLICE HEIRARCHY.

3. COL. COUSSA SEEMS TO BYPASS ABASSI ON DRUG MATTERS, REPORTING DIRECTLY TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR. WHILE INCLUSION OF ABASSI IN PROGRAM WOULD BE PLUS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND WELCOMED AS SUCH BY EMBASSY, WE DO NOT
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FORESEE GEN. ABASSI PLAYING GREATER ROLE IN NARCOTIC WORK IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME JOINT INVITATION TO ABASSI AND COUSSA, BUT WE CAN ONLY REALISTICALLY EXPECT COUSSA TO ATTEND. AT PRESENT TIME COUSSA IS OFFICIAL WE WOULD MOST LIKE TO CULTIVATE AND STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT

PARTICIPATION OF COUSSA NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE CONTINGENT
ON PARTICIPATION OF ABASSI IF DEPARTMENT AND DEA DECIDE
TO MAKE JOINT INVITATION.
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